

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

United States District Court

Southern District of Texas

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

MAY 14 2020

Southern District of Texas

David J. Bradley, Clerk

United States of America

v.

Saul Saucedo (1974/USA)

Case No.

M-20-0984-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of May 14, 2020 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

18 USC § 924(c)(1)(i)

Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking

21 USC § 841

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance

21 USC § 846

Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment "A"

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complaint authorized by: AUSA Roberto Lopez

Submitted by reliable electronic means, sworn to
 and attested to telephonically per Fed. R. Cr. 4.1,
 and probable cause found on:

Date:

5/15/2020 @ 8:00AM

City and state:

McAllen, Texas

/s/ Nicholas C. Stott

Complainant's signature

Nicholas C. Stott, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Judge's signature

U.S. Magistrate Judge J. Scott Hacker

Printed name and title

Attachment A

On May 14, 2020, Homeland Security Investigation ("HSI") Special Agents executed a search warrant at a residence located in Mission, Texas. During the execution of the search warrant, Special Agents located cocaine wrapping materials, cutting agents, scales, over 60 grams of cocaine, and a firearm all located in one of the residence's bedrooms. During the execution of the search warrant, Agents also encountered one of the occupants, Saul Saucedo ("Saucedo"), at the residence.

During a post-Miranda interview, Saucedo admitted to being the occupant of the bedroom where the cocaine was found. Saucedo also admitted to being the owner of the cocaine and stated he previously purchased the cocaine for further distribution. Saucedo also admitted that he was in possession of the firearm, which he claimed had been left at the residence by his brother, Eliud Saucedo ("E. Saucedo"). During the interview, Saucedo also discussed how E. Saucedo and his wife had been shot at by a group of drug traffickers and how the firearm could be used for his protection. The events relating to the shooting referenced by Saucedo have been corroborated by investigative reporting from McAllen PD and federal agencies.

Saucedo also granted Special Agents consent to search his phone. In the phone, Special Agents located multiple pictures of what appears to be kilogram quantities of cocaine. Metadata details from the pictures indicate that the pictures were also taken in January of 2020 from the phone's camera. Agents also located conversations between Saucedo and E. Saucedo that occurred on approximately the same dates as the pictures of the kilogram quantities of cocaine. Within the conversations, Agents located text messages where Saucedo informs E. Saucedo that it is his turn to protect which he followed by sending a picture of two firearms on a mattress. The picture of the firearms on the mattress appears to show a lack of furniture or personal effects in the residence, which is consistent with your Affiant's experience with stash houses. During the interview, Saucedo denied that he was protecting cocaine, but rather an illegal gambling establishment.